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SUBJECT: BOMB EXPLOSION AT BUENOS AIRES PROVISION POLICE STATION

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1. ON FRIDAY 28 JAN 77 AT 1910 HOURS, A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE CIUDADELA (BUENOS AIRES SUBURB) PROVINCIAL POLICE STATION. THE BOMB WAS OF SUCH POWER THAT THE ROOF COLLAPSED, AND THE WALLS WERE DESTROYED. NEIGHBORING HOUSES AND NEARBY CARS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. MOST WINDOWS IN THE DENSELY POPULATED NEIGHBORHOOD AREA WERE BLOWN OUT BY THE BLAST. BULLDOZERS WERE NEEDED TO REMOVE THE DEBRIS. THE COMISARIO (CHIEF) AND SUBCOMISARIO WERE KILLED, AND EIGHT POLICE OFFICERS WERE INJURED. VARIOUS INJURIES WERE ALSO RECEIVED BY CIVILIANS IN THE STATION AT THE TIME.

2. THE ARMY BELIEVES THE BOMBING WAS CARRIED OFF BY JUANA SILVIA CHARUR, A THIRD YEAR PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT UNIV. OF BUENOS AIRES. CHARUR'S FATHER IS A PROMINENT LOCAL BUSINESSMAN AND PRESIDENT OF A CIVILIAN-POLICE COOPERATIVE WHOSE FUNDS BENEFIT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS. MISS CHARUR WAS ACTIVE IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND HAD FREE ACCESS TO THE POLICE STATION

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AND THE COMISARIO'S OFFICE. ACCORDING TO WITNESSES, MISS CHARUR

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ENTERED THE POLICE STATION BEFORE 1900 HRS AND SPENT ALL THE TIME IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMISARIO BEFORE LEAVING SHORTLY AFTER 1900 HRS. A SHORT TIME AFTER SHE LEFT, THE BOMB. CONTAINING A LARGE AMOUNT OF TROTYL AND A CLOCKWORK MECHANISM, DETONATED. MISS CHARUR IS STILL AT LARGE.

3. RSO COMMENT: AGAIN, THE TERRORISTS HAVE COME UP WITH A SPECTACULAR AGAINST THE ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES. AS IN THE ASSASSINATION OF GOA FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF CARDOZO LAST YEAR, THE METHOD APPEARS TO BE THE SAME -- A GIRL GAINED THE CONFIDENCE OF POLICE OFFICIALS BEFORE PLACING THE BOMB. TERRORIST TACTICS HAVE BEEN SHIFTING SHARPLY AWAY FROM KIDNAPPING TOWARD BOMBING AND ASSASSINATION.
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